

Black Brook Beanie

Materials

1 ball [Scheepjes Merino Soft](#) Colour A (band and contrasting colour on body of hat)
1 ball [Scheepjes Merino Soft](#) Colour B (main colour on body of hat)
3.5 mm circular needles
4.5 mm circular needles
80 cm length minimum recommended for magic loop.
Needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

32 rows x 24 stitches (pre-blocked) in stockinette using 3.5mm needles

Pattern Notes



Be mindful if you ended on a row that the last stitch was “sl1wyif” that you pull your yarn to the back before starting the next row, otherwise your yarn will be trapped in front and create a longer carry over in the front than intended.

In order to ensure the best fit and a hat that still has nice stretch, be mindful of your tension. The linen stitch has a lot of yarn wraps and if knitted too tightly it can lead to a very stiff fabric or a hat that doesn’t have enough stretch.

Size

One size fits most adults. If you would like to make your hat larger or smaller, add or remove stitches as needed. Remember: you need to add or remove stitches in multiples of two for the pattern repeat to work out properly.

Abbreviations

k - knit

p - purl

inc - Increase. You can use the increase of your choice. See note in hat band section.

sl1wyif - Move yarn to front of work, slip next stitch, move yarn to back of work.

3stdc - Slip 2 stitches knitwise, k1, pass slipped stitches over knitted stitch. This creates one stitch where there were three.



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Pattern

Using 3.5mm needles CO 105 st and join in the round for magic loop.

HAT BAND

Rows 1-15: knit

Row 16: purl

Rows 17-31: knit

Fold along purl edge with purl sides together (wrong sides facing each other) and knit stitches on the outside, pick up and knit cast on stitches together with live stitches on the needle.

Explanation: <https://youtu.be/u5WrK8NC0fw>

Switch to 4.5mm and Colour B yarn.

In the increase row, to create an even seam when starting the body of the hat, pick up the stitch below the first stitch of this round and place it on left needle. Knit together with first stitch of row.

Explanation: <https://youtu.be/jrVP129BnRg>

Increase 10 stitches as follows:

Increase Row: (k10, inc) 10 times, k5 (115 sts)

You can use the increase of your choice as long as it isn't an increase (for example, a yarn over) that creates a hole. I used M1L.

Explanation: <https://youtu.be/IIPQBhZ31B4>

BODY PATTERN REPEAT

Row 1: (A) (k1, sl1wyif), k1

Row 2: (B) (sl1wyif, k1), sl1wyif

Row 3: (B) (k1, sl1wyif), k1

Row 4: (A) (sl1wyif, k1), sl1wyif

Row 5: (B) (k1, sl1wyif), k1

Row 6: (B) (sl1wyif, k1), sl1wyif

Repeat rows 1-6 until hat measures 18cm (inc. band) ending on Row 1 or 4 (you should have alternating coloured stitches on your needles).



Decreases

Note: You may find it helpful to place a removable stitch marker before each decrease to know where to stop on each decrease round.

Setup Row: k10 in pattern, 3stdec, (k20 in pattern, 3stdec) 4 times, k10 in pattern to end. (105 sts)

Setup Row 2: Knit in pattern, knitting all decreased stitches from the previous row.

Row 1: *Knit in pattern to 1 stitch before decrease stitch line, 3stdec* repeat around.

Row 2: Knit in pattern, knitting all decreased stitches from previous row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 six times. (35 sts)

Break yarn and pull thread through remaining stitches, pull tight and fasten off. Weave in ends to secure closure inside.

Pompom is optional, but fun!